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Another ice storm



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Katie Cudzilo avoids slick sidewalks on her way to class Monday afternoon. Monday's wave of freezing rain hit the Maryville area around noon. With ice already in the area, snow is now expected over the weekend.

Frigid weather begins settling into region

Maryville may have missed the brunt of Wednesday's ice storm, but winter remains in full force.

Forecasts called for sunny skies on Thursday, giving Northwest students their first opportunity to see the sun since the winter trimester began.

Temperatures will plummet even lower over the next week, with expected lows dipping below zero during the weekend.

Added to the already cold temperatures, a chance for snow also looms for the

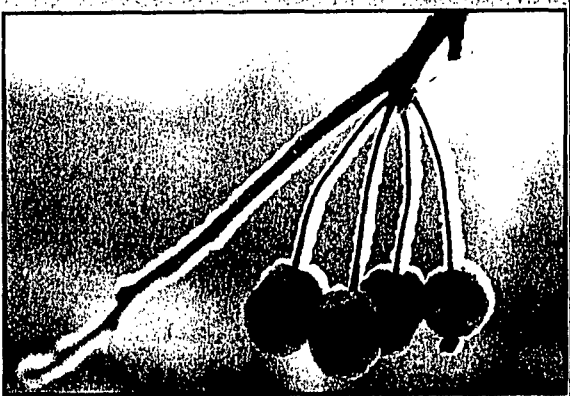


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Ice-covered berries hang on the Northwest campus after an early morning freezing rain shower left a coat of ice throughout Maryville.

upcoming holiday weekend.

According to weather.com, temperatures likely will not reach any higher than 20 degrees over the next week.

—COLE YOUNG/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Local residents rally for infant

BY STEPHANIE STANGL
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

While enjoying an unusually warm winter day playing in the yard, Tracy Grosseohme and her two small children watched in curiosity as flashing lights and sirens invaded an otherwise quiet neighborhood.

Prompted by the sight of the ambulance and police cars screeching to a halt in front of the house directly across the street, one of the children insisted on taking a moment to pray for whoever might be hurt.

It wouldn't be until much later, when police ventured across the street to question Grosseohme about the murder of Bobbi Jo Stinnett, that she realized this almost impetuous moment of silence was one of the first spoken on Stinnett's and her daughter's behalf.

Worldwide, people banded together to pray and otherwise aid the grieving family of the woman strangled to death in her Skidmore, Mo., home. And now that the fetus stolen from Stinnett's womb has been recovered to her father Zeb's arms, donations continue to pour in to help relieve financial stress.

A memorial fund at Bank Midwest welcomes donations for the family. In addition,

clothing and other gifts flood the Stinnetts' mailbox to help the single father raise the baby many refer to as a miracle.

"There is a lot of stress on Zeb (Stinnett) right now," said Nevada County Sheriff Ben Espey. "It's going to be really hard for him to take care of a baby and work. It would be great if enough money was raised so that he could take some time off from work to just be with Victoria."

Initially, the Countryside Bistro, a restaurant just outside of Skidmore, intended to hold a benefit supper for the Stinnetts on Jan. 12, but inclement weather prompted a change of plans. Instead, they decided to hold a buffet every Friday.

"Please see Stinnett page 5A"

A federal grand jury issued an indictment Wednesday that allows prosecutors to seek the death penalty against Lisa Montgomery. U.S. Attorney Todd Graves said, "Clearly, in this document, we have protected that option." Graves said Wednesday that Montgomery would be arraigned in the next week. —Associated Press

Students, community help tsunami victims

BY ANDY TIMKO
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Since Dec. 26, 2004 one word has been on the lips of people around the world: Tsunami.

The death toll now stands at 157,600 with another 10,000 people still missing. Reports continue flowing into newsrooms today, as nations around the world rush to send aid to the countries affected by the disaster.

Although India is an ocean away, some Northwest students have family and friends that were in India during the tsunami.

Gulshan Lakhani and many other Indian exchange students are from the western half of the country not affected by the tsunami, but they still feel concerned.

"It did not affect the whole of India, but people are still scared," Lakhani said. "The fear is there. It happened to one part of India, what if it happens to another part of it also?"

According to Lakhani, the fear has many people in India's largest city, Bombay, planning for a disaster should it ever strike.

"People are preparing, but everyone is scared," he said. "My family is really scared because what if it happens in Bombay? It's just hard to even imagine what has happened."

According to USGS.com, India lies on its own tectonic plate that moves and rubs against the plates around it. This leaves India vulnerable to violent earthquakes and volcanic explosions.

Residents of India must also worry about weather conditions as the monsoon season

pours rain on the country for four months out of the year.

"It rains heavily almost everyday out of the four months," Lakhani said. "It gets flooded. It gets really bad, but not as bad as a tsunami. Nothing gets washed off and buildings just don't fall apart."

Lakhani believes the lack of structurally sound buildings in India contributed greatly to the rising death toll.

"India is not like America," he said. "Here we have everything in concrete, everything is brick. We don't have wooden houses which will get washed away."

As of January 7, Americans have pledged \$150 million for aid to the tsunami victims and the American Red Cross believes it can collect \$400 million from Americans to send for relief.

"We will continue to provide the most effective aid we can, and we will be absolutely transparent with how the donated dollars are spent," Kevin Kirby, Chapter Executive Director of the American Red Cross said in a press release Friday. "America expects the American Red Cross to let them know when we've raised enough funds and trusts us to use their donations for longer-term needs of tsunami victims."

"Please see Tsunami page 5A"

"PEOPLE ARE PREPARING BUT EVERYONE IS SCARED. BECAUSE WHAT IF IT HAPPENS IN BOMBAY?"

—Gulshan Lakhani
Indian Exchange Student

Governor promises to deliver on campaign deals

WICK HADLEY
MISSOURIAN

At the start of the 93rd general assembly last Monday, Republican lawmakers ended an era of Democratic control at the state capitol.

Republicans claimed control of the governor's office, seven seats in the Missouri House and three new seats in the Senate.

Republicans newfound control marks the first time since 1921-1923 that the party controlled both houses of Congress and the governor's mansion.

During inauguration ceremonies on Monday, Matt Blunt promised to initiate a change in Missouri government.

Working with education and expanding to reach across party lines to create a lim-

ited, more efficient government for Missouri citizens.

"Change begins today, at this hour, in this place," Blunt said in his inaugural address. "Missourians deserve a government that promises no more than it can deliver, and delivers everything it promises."

"Over the next four years, we will be bold," he said. "We will attack problems with the deliberation that accompanies this great responsibility, and with the energy necessary to build a better Missouri."

Paul Woody, Communications Director for the House Minority Caucus, plans to hold Gov. Blunt to those promises.

Woody explained that the House Democrats are more than willing to work with Blunt to improve Missouri's quality of life.

"Missouri faces bigger

challenges than the Democrats," Woody said. "We've got a Medicaid problem that continues to skyrocket—we have to find ways to alleviate that. Blunt has made some big campaign promises that we plan to make him keep."

But as far as Paul Sloca, Communications Director for the Missouri Republican Party, is concerned this year's session has one primary focus: getting things done for the people.

"We want the state to be unified," Sloca said. "The bottom line is to get things done for the people, and that should always be the bottom line."

Blunt reiterated that point towards the closing of his speech.

"Government is not the author of progress, nor the creator of our freedom," Blunt said. "Government is the people's tool. It should be the servant, not the master."



NEWLY-INAUGURATED GOVERNOR MATT BLUNT RIDES THROUGH THE PARADE IN HIS HONOR MONDAY DOWN THE STREETS OF JEFFERSON CITY. BLUNT AND HIS WIFE MELANIE, AT HIS SIDE, ARE EXPECTING THEIR FIRST CHILD IN MARCH.

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Bearcat in the Broadcast Booth

Northwest Alum Steve Savard made his way to the St. Louis Rams radio broadcast team after his NFL career was cut short due to injury.

Friday



Chance of snow
High: 14
Low: 3

Saturday



Snow Flurries
High: 20
Low: 1

Sunday



Snow Showers
High: 15
Low: 4



Joe Auten, a custodian at First United Methodist Church, spent Tuesday afternoon removing snow and ice from the church's sidewalks. It took Auten two days of salting and chipping at the ice to remove it.

Bearcats to spend holiday participating in day of service

BY KYLIE MCDONOUGH
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Instead of attending classes Monday an estimated 200 volunteers will give their time and effort to many different organizations around Maryville in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

This marks the sixth year for Dr. Carol Cowles, Assistant Vice-President for Student Affairs, to arrange for groups to participate in the day of service.

"It's really important for our students and our community to commemorate the message of peace and unity that Martin Luther King espoused," Cowles said. "This is our opportunity to recognize that message and keep it alive."

The volunteers will spend the day working with various local organizations such as the New Nodaway Humane Society, the Children's Depot, Nodaway County Historical Society, St. Francis Preschool and the Family and Children's Center of Northwest Missouri.

Students volunteering will meet in the Union at 10:30 a.m. and receive their job duty for the day. Work concludes at 4:30 p.m. followed by a spaghetti dinner at the Wesley Center.

More activities honoring Dr. King will continue through the evening. A candlelight vigil will take place at the Bell Tower with Marcellus Casey, president of Northwest's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as the

speaker.

After a "remembrance walk" to the Charles Johnson Theatre an evening program will begin with a welcome by Alliance of Black Collegians President Jamie Tindall, a performance by the ABC Gospel Choir, a poetry reading by Ashley Yates and remarks by Minority Coordinator Jesse Haynes.

"We are taking advantage of the opportunity that was given to us, not just by Martin Luther King, but by the millions of people that were involved in the Civil Rights Movement," Haynes said. "White or black, no member of the University community has to live in fear of being discriminated against."

New logo honors Centennial

BY SAMUEL MANCHURI
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After several years of deliberation, the Board of Regents approved a new logo to celebrate Northwest's centennial during the Northwest 2005-2006 academic year.

More than 30 campus groups approved the new logo chosen from a dozen designs.

Creators of the logo focused on giving Northwest a new modern look.

"With the new logo we are hoping to create a logo that is strong, bold, very striking and shows the strength of the institution and would work with the electronic media," said Dennis Esser, Director of Publications and Web Services.

Students, University Relations and faculty members collaborated to design the new logo.

They then presented the final design to student, administrative and staff organizations on campus. The design received feedback from alumni and different constituency groups both on and off-campus and received minor alterations before the

final product.

Credit for the logo goes to Jeremie Picard and Brad Elliott both Northwest graduates. Elliott who worked on the final touches of the logo felt excited and proud for leaving behind something so important.

"I am fortunate and privileged to have been part of it," Elliott said.



Colleen Cooke, Publications Assistant, was part of the design team and was also proud to have been part of it.

"It is nice to be part of the identity of Northwest," said Cooke.

The N on the logo represents Northwest, with the tower on the right side of the N representing the tradition of our past. The other part of the N represents the points of Northwest. The artist used the point on the corner of the logo to mirror the corner of Missouri. The added banner celebrates the Northwest centennial. The "1905.2005" represents the 100 years since Northwest began and will remain for the centennial year. After the year it will be replaced by "established since 1905."

Esser, happy with the new thinks it accurately symbolizes Northwest.

"All these things help emphasize Northwest: who we are, where our tradition, where we have and the future where we are headed," Esser said.

According to Esser design a new logo was a challenging experience. He said every person held a different idea of a good design and group tried to take all those ideas and put them in one single logo.

"The hardest thing is finding elements that everyone can agree with," Esser said. "In general human nature to accept change well, but we wanted to find something people would see and adopt and feel YES, that's representing Northwest and I am proud of that institution."

The current logo cannot be on the Northwest website, one son behind the new design.

"The greatest thing about a logo," Esser said, "is that it was signed by an outside company professionals, but by students had gone through getting their opinion at Northwest and were able to contribute a very important piece to the university."

Northwest mourns loss of athlete

BY MEGAN CRAWFORD
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Northwest was changed forever Dec. 22, 2004 when football player Cory Stanton died in a one-vehicle accident.

Stanton proved an important asset to the Northwest campus. As a member of the Bearcat football team, he held a different role than any other player.

"I can only hope that every member of the team had the amount of motivation on and off the field that he did," said Jared Meyerkorth, a football player and fellow Rock Port High School graduate.

Stanton's genuine love for the entire Bearcat football program could be seen by anybody on campus. Stanton displayed a very unique personality on the field; possessing the ability to take preparation and execution very seriously, but once he hit the sidelines he could crack jokes to keep his teammates pumped up. He was a competitive weightlifter, he always wanted to become stronger for football and to do his best.

"When Cory came to Northwest he pumped everybody up," Meyerkorth said. "He always kept me going and told me we were just one play away."

Stanton loved to play his music loud and always had the crazy kind that no one else knew of. He had many things but Stanton focused most on his home in Rock Port.

Unafraid to represent and tell outrageous stories about Rock Port, he told many hometown stories and was always telling friends how fond he was of his hometown.

"He was always telling stories about Rock Port," roommate Bret Buckridge said. "Even stories about his brother and dad."

While he enjoyed his fair share of fun, Stanton devoted himself seriously to everything he tried, especially schoolwork and football.

"He always wanted to try and do things that he knew no one else had ever tried," said Marcus Muhs said. "He was always the one convinced that they would work."

Some people knew Cory as a quiet and shy person, other people, the people that really knew him, knew him as a crazy guy who would always come up with the most outlandish things to do, very unpredictable and never did things the "normal" way.

"I'll miss everything he did," Meyerkorth said.



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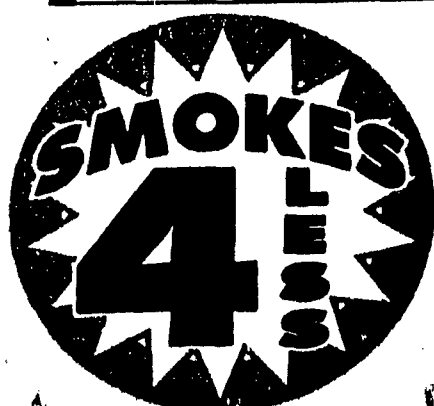


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Wildlife Refuge held its an-
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ons Specialist Corey Kurdna
was a great hunting oppor-
or the public to harvest deer,
were able to reduce our deer
on."

annual hunt began in Janu-
as part of an ongoing effort
Missouri Department of Con-
to manage the state's grow-
population. Press Release
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Petroleum prices high and steady

BY MEGAN CRAWFORD
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

While the rest of the nation experiences a drop in gasoline prices, prices continue to rise in Maryville.

Prices rose to \$1.69, compared to \$1.59 last week and prices are expected to rise again.

According to Sheryl Buholt, manager of the Pit Stop North, prices have increased significantly over the break.

Buholt said that prices remained at \$1.60 per gallon over the Christmas break, but they shot up to \$1.69 in the first week of January.

"Before Christmas we were at \$1.60, and we stayed that way through Christmas," Buholt said. "I think that we are lucky for what we have. You go north and you go south the price are high, but in the Midwest we are way below the average."

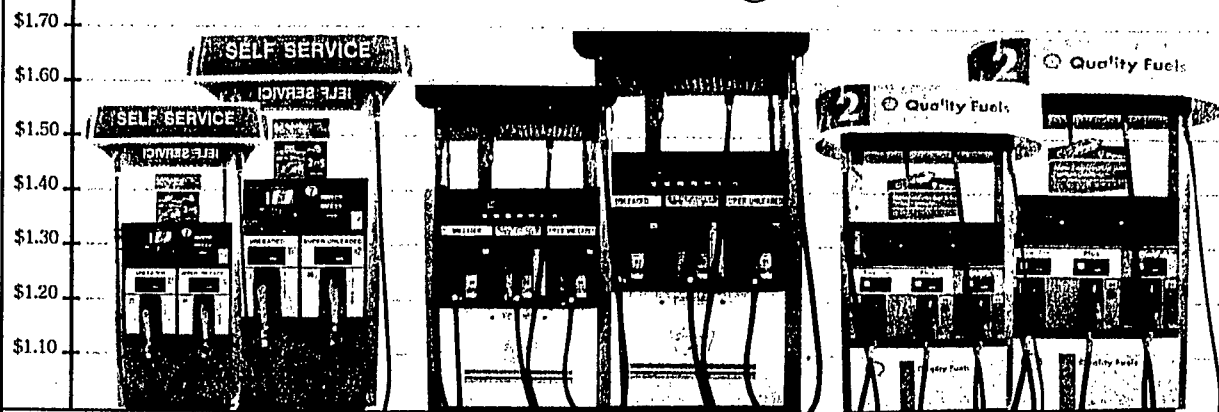
A spokesperson from Gray's Truck stop, one of the leading suppliers of gas in the area, also said gas prices are definitely high for this year.

"For this time of year, \$1.69 is the highest it's ever been," the spokesperson from Gray's said.

At this time last year, gas cost just \$1.45 a gallon with a low of \$1.34 the previous week.

According to the National City Private Client Group in Cleve-

Gas Prices on the Rise Again



*Holiday's Jan. 12
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Casey's General Store
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* indicates stations' lowest gas price from Thanksgiving until New's Year

*Holiday's Jan. 12
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Shop & Hop
623 S Main St

*Holiday's Jan. 12
\$1.60⁹ | \$1.69⁹

Shell's Amoco
905 S Main St

Infograph by Matt Frye

land, consumers can expect to pay \$1.75- \$2 a gallon this year.

One of the factors for the increase in local price is the amount of competition between area gas stations.

In Maryville, gas stations set their prices according to the prices set by other competing stations.

The cost of crude oil also plays a significant role in recent in-

creases. Crude oil comprises 59 cents out of every dollar spent on gas. Gasoline prices rise when crude oil rises. Gas rose 15 percent in the last year, while crude oil climbed a staggering 44 percent.

Although prices continue to rise in Maryville, they fall way below the national average. Regionally, gas prices on the West Coast are the

highest in the nation at \$1.93. The Midwest falls behind with an average price of \$1.72. According to the U.S. Energy Department, the average national gas price will be \$2.06, which will be a record high.

Information for this article was obtained from gaspricewatch.com, the New York Post online edition, timesleader.com, and fortwayne.com.

Republicans continue county stronghold

BY DOMNICK HADLEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Republicans strengthened their chain of control in county government, as four local officials were sworn into office on Dec. 29.

Incumbent Ben Espey defeated Democrat Rick Smail in a close race for Nodaway County sheriff and Vince Shelby defeated Lisa Luke in the race for Nodaway County Coroner.

Republican Bob Westfall defeated Lou Schrek in the bout for Nodaway County Commissioner. Westfall hopes to begin work-

ing on several issues facing Nodaway County, beginning with improvements in local law enforcement.

"Staffing, getting more officers on the streets, is one of the more important concerns," Westfall said. "We want know how much



Ben Espey



Bob Westfall

money is available until we get through the whole budget process. But that is one of the concerns people in the community have voiced to me."

Incumbent Julia Lyle retained her position as the county's public administrator—defeating

Democrat Susie Nelson.

Although Lyle agrees that the Republicans swept over Democrats, she doesn't see the party's stronghold playing a major factor in county government.

"I think it's more of a personality type thing," Lyle said. "I've noticed the trend that all the incumbents were re-elected and the new folks were Republican... so it was kind of a sweep."

"But a lot of people don't consider themselves Republican or Democrat," she said. "What matters is who does the best for the people."

Businesslike approach applied to committees

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - After touting his commitment to a pro-business agenda, House Speaker Rod Jetton is applying a more businesslike approach to the House.

Legislators vying for prestigious chairmanship positions must now fill out an application and be interviewed by a 14-member Republican steering committee. As part of the process, applicants are quizzed on their political stance on issues ranging from gun control to taxes.

House speakers have traditionally used committee chair positions as a way to reward politically loyal lawmakers.

But in the new era of term limits, House members can serve just eight years — decreasing the potential for longtime loyalties and elevating lawmakers to key roles more quickly. Jetton has cited the onset of term limits as an opportunity to change the way the House works.

"It was pretty much the domain of the speaker of the House," said Rep. Tom Villa, D-St. Louis, who also served in the House from 1975-1985 and for four years was the majority floor leader. "And traditionally if you supported the right person for speaker, then he or she would favor you with not only the committees you wanted but also the chairmanships."

Jetton said the new application system is intended to make sure committee chairs are selected based on merit — not just political friendships.

Besides outlining their beliefs on a variety of issues, applicants must also rank what issues are most important to them from a list of topics such as abortion, education and health care.

"It's not a litmus test at all," Jetton said. But he acknowledged the application is intended to ensure that chair applicants generally support what the House leadership deems to be a priority, such as cutting state spending and trying to create jobs.

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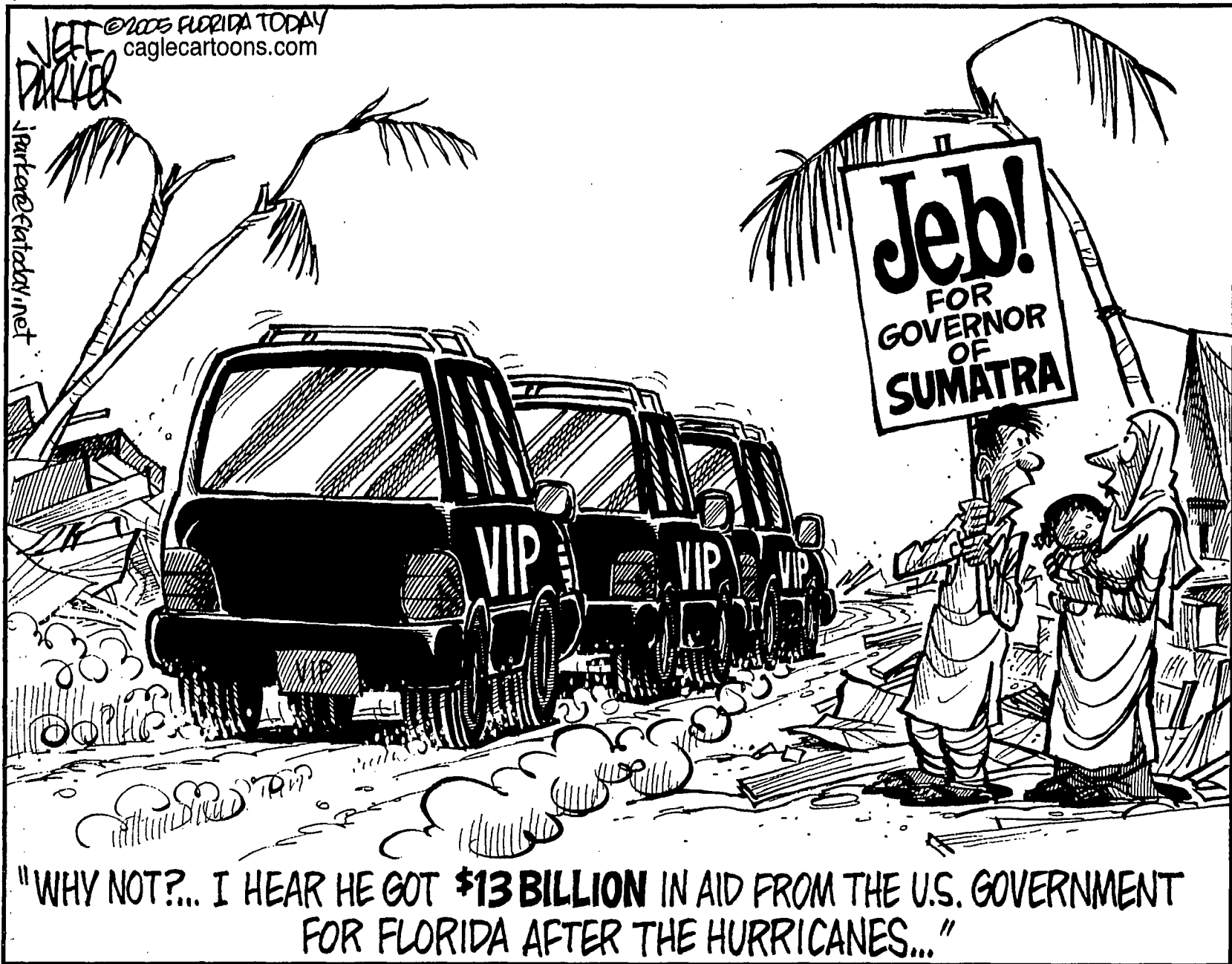


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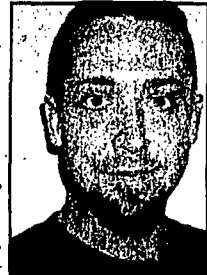
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Try a little humanitarianism on for size

My View



Aaron Bailey

Sometimes things happen that completely defy logic. Sometimes you hear of something that happened and you think to yourself: "How could someone do such a terrible thing?" And the thing we always want to know, but seldom find out, is simply—why?

Whether it's Scott Peterson or the stories that you hear almost nightly on the news, as a society, we almost build immunity to such acts. While not accepted, we're starting to turn a cold shoulder and cast off such news as "something that could never happen here."

But the Bobbie Jo Stinnett murder last month hit close to home for all of us—and proximity certainly has a way of making things more real.

What could drive someone to do something so incredibly gruesome and evil? Just the fact that something like this, that contradicts every moral fiber in our collective conscious, happened 13 miles from Maryville astonishes me. You hear of things like this happening in New York City, but not here. Not in our backyard.

But what this tragedy reminds me of is the sheer scope of our human condition. First of all, it seems unreal how something this atrocious could even happen; and second, how this could all culminate with a community coming together and the miracle of the baby's survival.

I'm not an overly religious person, and—I'm sure much to the delight of my grandfather, a retired minister—I don't pray often. But I did that day, as I'm sure a lot of you did as well. And thanks to the kindness of a

stranger, I felt hope while being reminded that people are, for the most part, good-hearted.

While in Skidmore shortly after the news broke, myself and another reporter approached a woman outside of her home just to get a sense of how people in the town reacted to the horrible news. We were shown incredible hospitality as the fifty-something widow invited us in and treated us like she knew us for years.

As we talked, a story came across the television that three suspects were in custody and that authorities had reason to believe that the baby may still be alive (KQ2 from St. Joseph jumped the gun a little).

The woman erupted into tears of joy and relief. And I, as a journalist, tried to keep a clinical approach to the situation as I fought the lump in my throat. Sure, she knew the Stinnetts (in Skidmore, everyone knows one another) but I could tell she thought of the Stinnetts as family, something that flourishes in small towns.

Throughout our history, humanity shows that we can sometimes reach from the darkest depths of evil, to the highest points of unselfishness and goodwill.

But we need more good in this world. We need to remind each other that we're all in this together.

I know this probably sounds like something from that "Pay It Forward" trainwreck of a movie, but I propose a New Year's resolution for everybody.

Simply this: that we try each day to help each other out. Like a bumper sticker I once saw, which read: "Say no to apathy."

If we could all as individuals bring a little more of this into our community, it would go a long way in helping us heal.

Winter-time gesture proves unforgettable for editor

My View



Kimberly Brand

Last week, Nodaway County received its first real dose of winter weather. Ice layers topped with snow turned bare trees into sparkling sculptures, and gave kids a chance to test out new sleds. The "wintry mix" (I love that meteorologists' lingo) also created slippery streets and turned uncovered cars, such as my Cougar, into giant ice cubes.

And yet in this January madness I found an unexpected reason to smile—five or six reasons. Just when it seems the increasingly self-centered society in which we live can only be headed deeper into the pit of apathy, random acts of kindness happen. I know I am not the first person to experience miscellaneous love; my story by no means takes precedence over

any other, but I chose to use this opportunity to show my appreciation for those who helped me, completely unasked, on dreary winter days. My thank-you story begins like this:

I phoned my mom the first evening of the ickiness. Being my loving mother, she gave the semi-annual winter weather speech. You know, the reminders to keep the gas tank fairly full, throw bags of water-softener salt in the trunk, and never use hot water to melt ice because it may cause a break in the windshield...oops, I did that one (the hot water; fortunately, not the break). She even suggested that I write a story for the paper on winter safety, since wonderful Mother Ellen always cares and wants everyone to be safe and happy. I remember commenting to Mom, in an attempt to see a bright side to the icky weather situation, that I would rather it happen during break than when Northwest classes resumed again.

Little did I know, eh?

Monday afternoon I emerged from my last class and nearly fell immediately, thanks to the newest chapter of winter in northwest Missouri. I scraped my Cougar semi-clear and proceeded down College Avenue to home. It happened so suddenly: tires hitting the ice, the car spun twice before landing in the ditch. First, I prayed thankfully that I received no harm. It became quickly apparent that I could not fix the situation alone, but I did not know what to do.

Then, the pickup pulled over in front of me. A young man offered to help push my car out of the ditch. While we strained and slipped on the ice, two more guys arrived. At last, the car eased back onto the slick road.

At this point, I simply wanted to go to my apartment, stir up a cup of chai and gather my things before Practicum. But my next attempt at driving proved just as futile: the rear-wheel-drive Cougar just could not handle a hill, and I found myself stuck.

I ranted, inhaling the burning-rubber stench from my tires. I stood up, glaring at the car as if it would do some good. Once again, someone helped me; a man appeared seemingly from nowhere and gave exact instructions to alleviate my stress. I gave up the idea of going to my apartment and headed back to Wells, stressed but safe.

The moral to my story? The people helping me chose to stop, when they could simply keep driving to their warm, dry destinations. I did not know them and they did not know me, but I am so very thankful that kind people found me on Monday. So, to my mysterious heroes: thank you. I owe you homemade brownies.

And please, everyone, drive as safe as you can. Don't forget your ice scrapers and remember that everybody needs a little help sometimes.

Your View

What do you think of the community and University's snow and ice removal efforts?



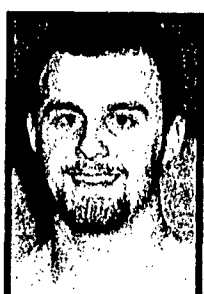
"They're doing too well—you actually have to go to class!"

Raphael Robinson
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"They keep the sidewalks okay. The parking lots aren't that hot."

Kelli Zenor
PSYCHOLOGY



"They are doing well, for the most part. It's hard to keep clear when the weather is ongoing."

Zach Weston
BROADCASTING



"(They're doing) an okay job, because I hate to ice skate everywhere I go."

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Our View

Worth the effort

Proving instrumental in the Stinnett case, the Amber Alert system deserves a second glance

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004 is a day that will stand out in the mind of Nodaway County citizens and the townspeople of Skidmore for the rest of their lives.

It goes without saying that everyone involved in the death of Bobbie Jo Stinnett, along with the subsequent search and recovery of her infant daughter Victoria Jo, wish the entire situation could have been avoided.

The atrocity did indeed happen however and for those who took part in the prompt search and recovery for Victoria Jo Stinnett, *The Northwest Missourian* says a job well done.

Everyone, ranging from the community members of Skidmore all the way down to those who simply spent a few moments thinking of the Stinnett family, should also be commended for being helpful in such a trying situation.

From the time the initial call came in, Sheriff Ben Espey took control of the situation with both care and professionalism, evidenced by the way he not only handled the criminal investigation involving the murder, but also his efforts to push for an Amber Alert.

As precious hours ticked away that Thursday afternoon, Espey immediately called United States Senator Sam Graves to put the wheels in motion.

Without question, had these two not been as diligent in pushing for an Amber Alert, it is difficult to say or even think what the end result had been.

After Espey initially requested to issue the alert, nearly nine hours passed. Time that was used to allow Lisa Montgomery to transport the child to her home in Melvern, Kan.

Graves now says it is time to change the alert system, so fetuses can also be included in the Amber Alert program.

"We need to change the law so that an Amber Alert can be issued for a newborn baby or a fetus," he said in a statement. "We cannot let bureaucracy slow us down when time is of the essence."

Change is needed in the Amber Alert system. Many opponents of change may say that it is far too difficult to identify important details that go into finding a missing infant. That indeed may be the case.

What's important to remember is that one baby's life ultimately can be considered saved by this program.

If that alone does not validate a change in the program, it is hard to see something that would.

University Wire

Ring in the New Year right

It's time to dust off our exercise equipment, call our parents for the first time in six months and pledge to give up our bad habits. New Year's resolutions consisted of all of us vowing to go to the gym everyday and so, we do... until about Jan. 21.

Why do we abandon our New Year's resolutions almost as soon as they are made? And why do we make them in the first place knowing they will likely be abandoned?

The answer to both questions is rebirth. Jan. 1 heralds a reawakening for all, a time when everybody gets a second chance. But change takes time and effort; it doesn't happen overnight. It would be a great error to assume that we can change merely by resolving to do so.

Our nature is to choose the easy road. Great strength is required to recognize one's faults and even greater strength is required to work on improving them. We can't change in one day.

The point of celebrating New Year's is not to change ourselves overnight, but rather to recognize our capacity for change. It is a time of reflection.

It is a time to avoid getting caught up in day-to-day living and to recognize that we have become complacent and let things slip. At 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 31, I hope all of us had an opportunity to look deep within and ask ourselves, "Did last year go how I had planned?" If changing one person is so difficult, then changing an entire

society seems nearly impossible.

As a nation I think we should know that as Americans we want more freedom, more wealth and a better quality of life than most people in the world. I think we should realize that things are not perfect and must admit the regrets that we have as a nation and make an effort to change.

We cannot be inert. Changing a society will require extraordinary effort that simply isn't being given by Americans.

According to a recent study conducted by political scientists Scott Verba and Norman Nie, only 11 percent of those surveyed engaged in a full range of both electoral and community activities including contacting local political officials, community service. Twenty percent were not involved in any community or political activity.

This is a gross neglect of our duty. We have been given rights by many people of the world do not. It is our duty to exercise those rights.

We all have different visions of how the nation should be, but democracy. As we create a future, resolutions, most of which will be undone, let us resolve to participate more in the improvement of America.

Let us resolve this New Year truly work to improve our nation, state and our community.

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Merger put on hold, at least for session

ARON BAILEY
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

While the current legislative session tabled the proposed merger between Northwest and the University of Missouri system, President John Hubbard said that discussions could resume as early as next session.

"We're not saying that we'll never return (to the merger talks)," Hubbard said. "Just definitely not right now." Last month, Hubbard met with Elson Floyd, the president of the University of Missouri system in an informal meeting in Kansas City to discuss the current status of the potential merger. At that meeting, both parties agreed that the pursuit of a merger during this session would not be beneficial as trying to increase higher education funding as a whole. "You only get so much face time (in Jefferson City)," Hubbard said. "And instead of spending our time on the merger, right now (we choose to) spend our time on trying to ensure that the funding is there."

Gov. Matt Blunt will propose a budget later this month giving universities an idea of the funding available for higher education. The budget will outline the funding available for each school, giving a starting point for university officials and lawmakers.

Rep. Maynard Wallace (R-Thornfield), vice-chair of the appropriations committee for education, said he would like to see funding for higher education increased mainly to make tuition more affordable for students.

"We need to increase funding for all education, and certainly for higher education," Wallace said. "We want to protect students and parents to ensure it's affordable."

Rep. David Pearce (R-Warrensburg) said that the budget will be tight and while rewriting the funding formula for elementary and secondary education takes priority, higher education also needs financial help.

"I'm very concerned," Pearce said. "Higher education suffered the most about three years ago, and there have been no new dollars available."

Hubbard also said the timing for the merger is bad right now as Northwest officials concentrate on the new biopharming initiative. The decision marked the end of over two years' worth of work on the proposed merger. An initiative for the merger was added to the 2004 legislative session but died before ever making it to the floor.



Over 25 cars were involved in a car wreck after early morning fog made a commute in Michigan nearly impossible. State police closed a 12-mile stretch of the highway in both directions following the accident. The highway was reopened later in the day.

Morning fog causes pileup

ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP, Mich. - At least two people died and 25 others were injured when about 100 vehicles crashed Wednesday in thick fog on a Michigan highway, police said.

One person also was killed in Indiana when at least 20 vehicles piled up amid heavy fog on a highway east of South Bend. Numerous others were injured.

The National Weather Service had issued a dense fog advisory for the area, saying visibility could be less than a quarter of a mile.

In Michigan, about 50 vehicles wrecked in one pileup on Interstate 96 outside Lansing on Wednesday afternoon, killing one person, police said. Another person was killed when five vehicles crashed into each other 30 minutes later several miles to the east.

The rest of the vehicles were involved in minor collisions on I-96 around the same time, police said.

"The fog was really bad," Keena Sioui, a college student who witnessed the crashes while riding with her brother, told Detroit television station WXYZ. "You could only see about 20 feet in front of you. Then we

heard three 'slams' in back of us, one after the other, and cars just kept hitting. We kept moving forward so we wouldn't get hit."

State police closed a 12-mile stretch of the highway in both directions following the accidents.

The chain-reaction collision in Indiana on Wednesday morning left wrecked vehicles scattered in both eastbound and westbound lanes over a three-mile stretch of the road, state police Sgt. Rodger Popplewell said. Police closed a 43-mile stretch of the highway in both directions for several hours.

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Bad weather forces school to stay closed

the weather also brought some bad news for area students.

Construction delays last summer already put Maryville public schools behind on extra days, and the recent strain of inclement weather definitely pushes back the last day of classes.

According to Maryville school superintendent Vicki Miller, the state requires schools to meet 174 days, and that Maryville schools usually have four days a school year budgeted for snow days. Four school days have already been lost due to the construction and not enough vacation days are left to make up lost days.

"We don't like to go into the summer," Miller said. "But we make the decisions to keep the kids safe."

For some businesses bad weather meant an increase in business. Domino's Pizza assistant manager Joe Ackman said that more business doesn't necessarily translate into more deliveries for his drivers.

"Business always kicks up when we have any kind of bad weather," Ackman said. "But it cuts drivers down to about 75 percent of what they would normally do. But people actually do tip the drivers."

Other businesses, such as Watkins True Value, see their business increase. Manager Brad Vogel said that the store can keep up despite high demand.

"We have a lot of people coming in and buying things like shovels and ice melt, and we have extra trucks coming in," Vogel said. "Most of our competitors have run out and that's increased business too."

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Stinnett trust fund receive boost

Through the end of February, one dollar of each sale will go to the Victoria Jo Stinnett Trust Fund. The first gift to the family came with the return of Victoria Jo, orchestrated by Wadaway County Sheriff's Department, FBI and the Amber Alert System. "We weren't granted the Amber Alert," Espey said. "But after eight days it did go out. A call from a south-side tipped us off to where the baby

may not be the only gift that community has to offer, but according to Grossoehme, it remains the important.

so crucial for everyone to keep the Stinnett family in their thoughts and prayers," Grossoehme said. The family is going to be hurt a long time. Unlike the rest of the world, the family cannot just turn on television or put away the papers to help them forget."

Rapist gets life in prison

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - A convict whose appearances before the high courts of Kansas and the United States prompted his removal from a sexual predator program was sentenced to life in prison for raping a woman about a year after his release.

Michael Crane—convicted in October of forcible rape, kidnapping, third-degree assault and three counts of forcible sodomy — was handed a sentence of life plus 131 years on Tuesday for the March 22, 2003, attack.

"Society can't risk Michael Crane having another bad day," said assistant prosecutor Ted Hunt.

"It made that risk before and the gamble has been lost."

Court records show Crane, now 43, began committing petty crimes and exposing himself to women at the age of 16.

Crane was convicted in 1994 in

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-Ted Hunt
Assistant Prosecutor

Johnson County for a 1993 attack on a Leawood, Kan., video store clerk. He was sentenced to 35 years to life on convictions for kidnapping, attempted rape and attempted sodomy.

The Kansas Supreme Court overturned the conviction on technical grounds in 1996. The following year, Crane pleaded guilty to the reduced charge of aggravated sexual battery and was sentenced to three to 10 years in prison.

As he was approaching release, the state sought to have him kept

in confinement, and a jury determined him to be a violent sexual predator. The Kansas Supreme Court overturned that finding, but Crane remained confined while the state appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Kansas court had said the state would have to show that inmates totally lacked control of their behavior, but the U.S. court ruling said it was enough to prove "serious difficulty in controlling behavior."

Three days after that ruling, Crane was given conditional release from the predator program. That meant he was free, but he had to continue to see a therapist.

Crane's attorney, Patrick Peters, said courts decided years ago that the defendant wasn't a sexually violent predator.

"His history has not been one of violence," Peters said, adding that Crane should be sentenced accordingly.

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Tsunami victims get relief

nami victims — and we are fully committed to uphold their trust. Should we need additional resources to help the tsunami victims, we have no doubt the generous American public will step up and provide us with those funds."

As of Wednesday, the United Nations reported that \$717 million has been secured over the next six months to spend on emergency relief in the countries affected by the

disaster.

The Indian students at Northwest may not be directly affected by the disaster that occurred, but Lakhani acknowledges the support that the United States gives the countries struck by the tsunami.

"I really respect the United States," he said. "It is really good to know that the United States is really concerned. I'm really thankful for that and I respect it all the more."

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Jamie Nash: Professional and Licensed Tattoo Practitioner



Jamie Nash is a passionate and professional artist and tattooist and has been tattooing for about 6 years. Starting his professional career in Iowa, Jamie has also worked in St. Joe at the former "Primitive Path" apprenticing under Pete Teiman - who was, and is a great influence. He plays guitar and finds inspiration through music and art. Jamie is yet to specialize in any certain style, but enjoys especially custom art tattoos, blackwork, and tribal.

Dereck Dew: Licensed and Professional Body Art Practitioner



Dereck Dew is a native from Maryville. Dereck is a professional and licensed body art practitioner that is deeply devoted to detail within his work. With body piercing being his main detail at Metals Edge Expo, he is also apprenticing scarification techniques to include in his line of services in the future. He plays music and continues to self educate himself. Dereck has a passion for philosophy and continues to bridge the gap between mind and body.

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Different this time

Northwest students pledge to keep resolutions

BY KRISTINE HOTOP
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Each year, as January 1 arrives, the usual 'lists of resolutions' unfold for many Americans, which allowed some to pick up where they left off from last year.

Most people bust into the New Year with high expectations of losing twenty pounds for spring break or quitting something cold turkey. However, they soon find that resolutions prove a bit harder to accomplish than originally thought.

Thanks to the millions of Americans vowing in '05, here's the list of the top three health related resolutions and some information to help motivate.

#3-Quit Drinking

Whether the resolution is made to cut back on alcohol consumption or to hide the bottle openers for good, less than one-fourth of all drinkers in America will attempt to quit as part of a New Year's promise. Only 50 percent of those who attempt to stop will succeed.

"I don't like how I get when I drink," Erin Murphy, a marketing major, said. "Plus, it's unhealthy. I guess I'll be designated driver a lot this year."

Murphy resolved to quit drinking, and set her sights to last the entire semester. Despite the sacrifices, she still plans on maintaining a weekend social life.

Today, roughly 85-90 percent of all college students drink alcohol; which means that around 40 percent of those drinking do so while under the legal drinking age. As they reach the legal age they join the rest of the American population, totaling the 90 percent of American adults that consume alcohol.

Studies show that alcohol problems can exist in any age group at any severity, stating that a student getting drunk every Friday and Saturday night has encountered an alcohol problem.

"Quitting as a resolution releases a lot of pressure than just quitting," Murphy said. "I'm hoping it will help my focus on school more and keep my mind on a even level."

#2-Quit Smoking

Not only does smoking top the charts as the number one killer in the past years, it also contributes to heart disease, respiratory problems and numerous types of cancer.

It also slows the bodies' natural healing process and links to causing birth defects and

miscarriages. Additionally, nicotine addiction from smoking causes adverse reactions to the psychological thinking process such as dealing with mood swings.

New Year's serves as an excuse as well as a motivational path to help some quit. The day is made for lifestyle changes; some take the idea and use it.

"I'm doing really well so far; I haven't had one [cigarette] since New Year's," freshman Emily Morehead said. "It really isn't good for you, and as New Year's Day came I just figured I'd make a resolution to stop."

Smoking ranks in as the second-highest New Year's resolution, and the most difficult one to keep. In the long run, the health benefits from quitting the narcotic habit outweigh the cons considerably.

"I quit smoking my senior year of high school as kind of a gift to my boyfriend," freshman Katie Holstein said. "I still have the temptation to, but now I am able to breathe when I work out and I just feel better."

Dropping the habit can minimize risks not only for smokers, but to people living with smokers. Nonsmokers risk the development of bronchitis and pneumonia more than smokers themselves, and any exposure to secondhand smoke puts nonsmokers at a higher risk for lung cancer.

Most smokers draw the nicotine habit during highly stressful times. College students, experiencing the most stressful point in the lives, often use smoking as an escape. Their dependence makes quitting even harder due to the deadlines, exams and pressures of college.

Stressed-out smokers become more comfortable with cigarettes as time passes, allowing themselves to smoke more often.

"If someone has any doubt about smoking then they should go ahead and quit," Holstein said. "Everyone knows the health risks so why not quit—why start?"

#1-Work out More/Eat Healthier

Watching what will go into our bodies and burning calories go hand in hand as the most popular New Year's resolution every year.

Freshman Whitney Bocquin chose to eat healthier and plans to work out four to five times a week in order to lose weight for the trimester.

"Working out has been on my resolution list for the past three years now," Bocquin said. "But, I'm making it this year; I'm going to actually do it."

Losing weight on a college campus can be particularly rough. When the choices sometimes come down to spending \$2.50 on a cup of fruit or an entire bag of chips, resolutions become hard to stick to.

Annually, the weight loss industry brings in over \$39 billion in the United States alone. Obesity also costs a person even more, thanks to rising medical costs and procedures. Basically, it can be more expensive to be overweight than to maintain a normal weight.

Between 20-25 percent of Missouri's population is overweight; a small amount considering around 155 million people in the United States alone are overweight, totaling fifty-five percent of the current population. The drive to become healthier or to lose weight hits high on many lists, which makes it a target resolution as January 1 arrives.

"I decided to stop snacking on junk foods and to work out more this year for my resolution," Bocquin said. "I have a bad habit of snacking all the time and I'd like to stop that."

New Year's resolutions fit just in time for college students to start worrying about the freshman fifteen they may have added during the first semester of school, and the beach body season of Spring Break.

Pledging to stick to a decision can be both rewarding and burdening at the same time. With persistence and good motivation, you can attain and maintain a resolution.

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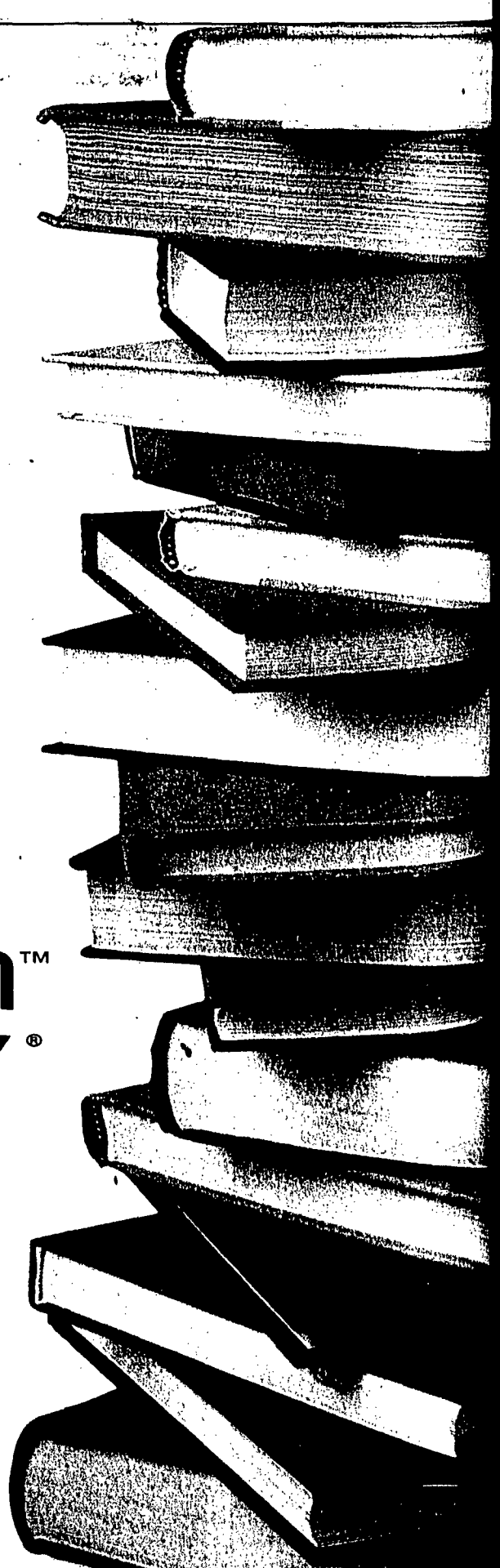
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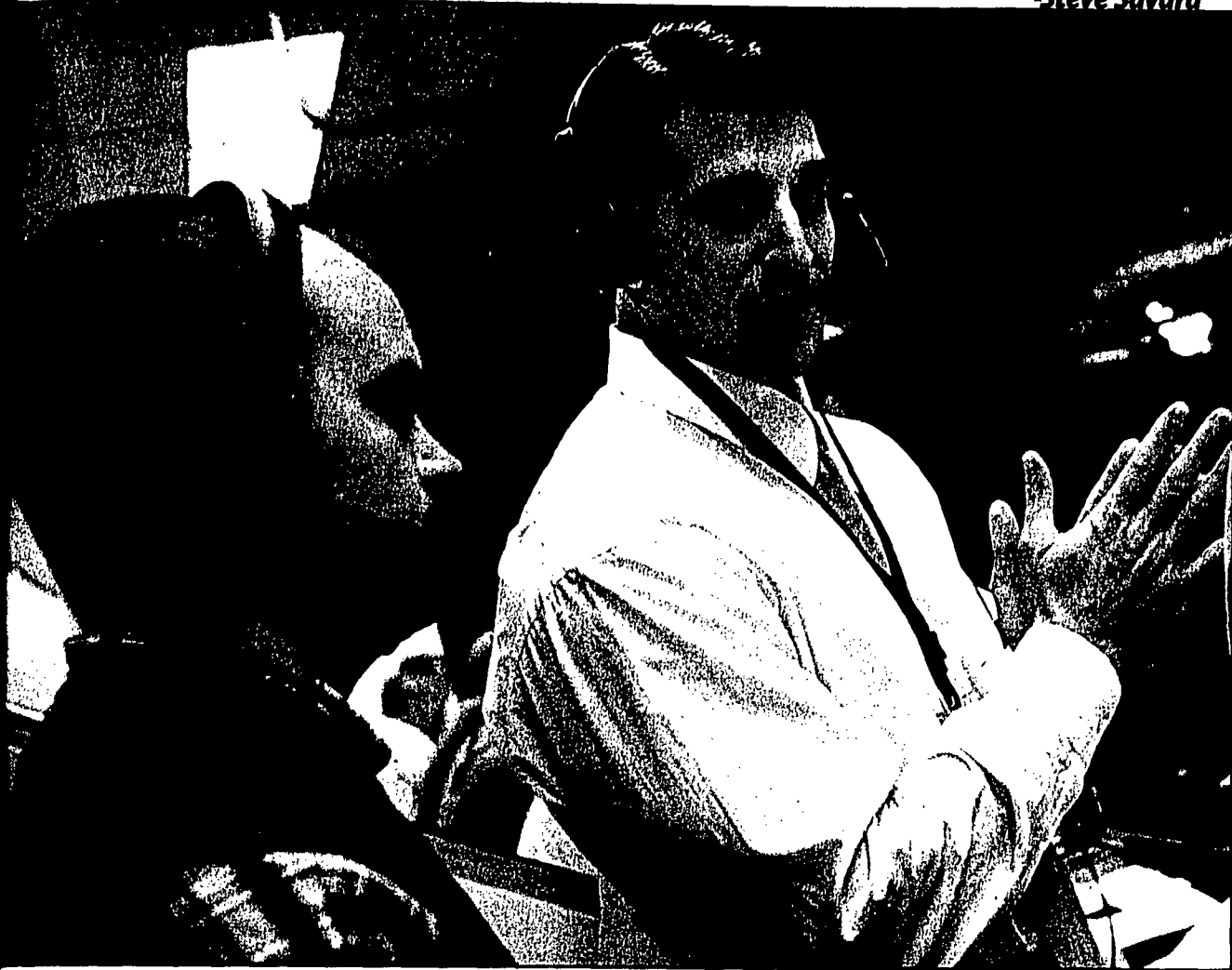
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-Steve Savard



Erik M. Lunsford/ ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ms Announcer and Channel 4 Sports Anchor Steve Savard keeps an ongoing conversation with partner Jack Snow (not shown) Sunday afternoon at a Rams game in the Edward Jones Dome. Savard replaced Mike Bush as Rams announcer, and fits his broadcasting career in with his Rams announcing schedule.

Bearcat in the Booth

By JEROME BOETTCHER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

When Steve Savard came to Northwest back in 1982, the St. Louis native intended to pursue sports writing. It seemed like he would, but in 1986 he graduated with a double-major in English and Journalism.

Who would have known that Savard would go on to pursue broadcasting instead and end up being the "Voice of the Rams" almost 20 years later?

"I think I made the right choice," Savard, former Sports Editor of the *Missourian*, said. "I do think it would be fun to be a beat writer for a National Football League team; that would be enjoyable."

Savard, is the Sports Director for MOV News 4 in St. Louis and he does play-by-play for the St. Louis Rams radio network.

"I don't have any regrets about making the career choice I did," he said. "I think it's a great way to make a living, to be honest with you, and I don't really have any complaints about it."

Broadcasting was actually a back-up plan for Savard who at first wanted to become a professional football player. The two-time All-MIAA linebacker's team suddenly ended when a neck injury ended his short time with the Dallas Cowboys in 1989.

At that point Savard decided that he wanted to pursue sports writing and wanted to switch to broadcasting. (Savard only took a couple broadcasting classes while attending Northwest.)

"It just seemed like a more exciting alternative to me (to be) a sportswriter," Savard said.

After Savard bounced around from working at stations in Connecticut, Texas and Montana, he was hired to work at News 4 in St. Louis in 1994. Savard



Erik M. Lunsford/ St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Steve Savard gathers his thoughts during halftime of a Rams game in St. Louis.

has been there ever since and has been the Sports Director for almost 10 seasons. In 1998 Savard started working for the Rams Radio Network as a sideline reporter and a pre-game host. In 2000, Savard was hired as the play-by-play announcer and is in his fifth year.

"Fortunately, a couple years later, in 2000, the play-by-play job opened up," Savard said. "I applied and they had faith in me and thank goodness it's worked out very well. I've had five years in the broadcast booth and I have had a blast."

He's received six Emmy awards, including three Best Sportscaster awards, and has earned three Best Sports Play-By Play in St. Louis in 2000 and 2001.

Some of the high moments in Steve Savard's broadcasting career include covering the Super Bowl parade the day after

the Rams won Super Bowl XXXIV over the Tennessee Titans, and covering Super Bowl XXXVI.

Savard still thinks of what could have been. He says that he still thinks about where he would be if he hadn't hurt his neck.

"I played football for 17 years and I never had serious injury until I had my neck injury in my second year (in the NFL)," Savard said. "It was right about the time that I was getting my foot in the door and trying to establish myself."

"I don't think that there's a season that goes by when you don't look and say 'what if?' and there is no question in my mind I could have played five or 10 years in the NFL. Unfortunately it didn't happen, God had another plan for me, so I don't really have any complaints. The next best thing to playing in the NFL, in my mind, is being in the broadcast booth for a game."

Savard wasn't able to get drafted right out of college and had to try to get in the NFL as a free agent. He said the being from a Division II school "probably hurt his chances of getting drafted" but that when it came to training camp, how you played was the only thing that mattered.

"Once you get to camp it's about who can play, it's not really about where you're from," Savard said. "I saw a lot of guys that were cut before me from big schools, that to be honest with you, wouldn't have started on our nationally-ranked team in 1984."

Savard made it to the final cut his first year and was brought back the next year.

Savard said he will always remember Northwest. He said it prepared him "for not only life in the NFL, but life beyond it." He also said that some of his best friends came from Northwest.

"I had an absolute blast at Northwest," Savard said. "Some of my best friends in

Please see "Northwest" on B2

Washburn delivers fourth straight defeat

Washburn's Brooke Ubelaker puts in 28 points as the Lady Blues stomp the 'Cats 99-49

By JEROME BOETTCHER
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Washburn women's basketball team showed why they were ranked No. 3 in the nation Wednesday night in Washburn, Kan.

After fighting off an early run by the Bearcats the Lady Blues had no problem brushing off Northwest 99-49.

"I can still remember so many numerous times that there's been a loss like that but you can get it turned around," Northwest head coach Gene Steinmeyer said on the Bearcat Radio Network Wednesday night. "(We) got three weeks or so to get it turned around. We just got to keep playing, playing, playing and get better."

It was the 'Cats fourth straight loss as they now fall to 8-8 on the year and 1-4 in the MIAA.

After Washburn came out with a 9-1 run, Northwest got back in it for just a little bit as they cut the lead to 14-13. It was all Washburn after that as they went on a 33-10 run to end the half, 47-23.

Washburn's Brooke Ubelaker led all scorers with 28 points while teammate Stacey Becker added 20. Junior Laura Friederich led Northwest with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Senior Ashely Poptanycz added nine points and four rebounds.

Northwest gave up the most points since the 1999-2000 season when they lost to Missouri-Rolla in overtime 100-90. The 49 points the 'Cats scored was the fewest since their season opener against North Dakota in which they lost 89-48.

The Bearcats lost their third straight game on Saturday at Missouri Southern University. The Bearcats, who led twice by as many as 10 points, fell to the Lions 77-72.



Game Recap

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Leading Scorers:

Brooke Ubelaker, 28 points (WU)
Laura Friederich, 13 points (NW)

Leading Rebounders:

Laura Friederich, 10 rebounds (NW)
Jennifer Harris, 8 rebounds (WU)

Game Summary:

After Northwest cut it to 14-13 less than six minutes into the game it was all Washburn as five Lady Blues scored in double digits.

The team only shot 35.7 percent from the field in the second half, as Southern hit 53.8 percent of their field goals. Despite the loss, Steinmeyer thought his team played well.

"We did a lot of things right in that the game," he said. "Every time they got the lead we came back and answered and got the lead back on our own. We did a lot of things right at the end of the game and we guarded the right people and we shut off the right things. We just got beat by a kid (Andrea Gossard) that we didn't think could beat us."

Gossard shot cold the whole game until 90 seconds left when she hit a free throw. She scored six of the last eight points for the Lions. Her biggest shot came when she sank a three-pointer with 1:06 left to put the Lions up for good.

Junior Meghan Blay led all Northwest scorers with 15 points; five Bearcats scored at least ten points. Mandi Schumacher picked up seven rebounds for the 'Cats. Northwest shot three-of-16 from beyond the arc and sophomore Please see "3" on B2

Men drop second straight MIAA game

The Ichabod's Karlton Mims sinks two big free throws to clinch the Washburn win, 86-82

Brendan Kelley
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

With six seconds showing on the game clock, Washburn's Karlton Mims stepped to the free-throw line and hit two free throws, giving Washburn the 86-82 victory.

Northwest finds themselves 2-3 in conference play and 12-4 overall.

At first the game appeared as though it would be a repeat of the Missouri Southern game with Washburn jumping out to a 13-5 lead early. Northwest responded though and brought the lead down to one a couple of times, but seemed unable to get over the hump and take the lead.

Washburn hit a three-point shot at the buzzer to make the score 45-38 at halftime. Northwest fought back over the second half and grabbed a five point lead with just under 12 minutes remaining in the game, only to see the lead vanish again. The second half was a back and forth battle that came down to the two clutch free-throws.

The game was extremely physical with a total of 30 fouls in the first half. Washburn shot a total of 31 free-throws in the first half and hit 25 of them making up 20 of their first half points.

The 'Cats once again had the turnover advantage with Washburn turning over the ball 15 times while Northwest had only eight.

Northwest's Addae Houston dropped in 16 points and tied for high scoring honors with Washburn's Steve Bonner.

"It was a real hard fought ball game," Northwest head coach Steve Tappmeyer said on the Bearcat Radio Network Wednesday night. "I thought we had it right there at the end, we just couldn't make enough plays at the end."

The Bearcat men's basketball team took a 12-2 record into Saturday's game at Missouri Southern. Missouri Southern came out fighting and simply outplayed the 'Cats, as the Lions walked away with a 73-63 conference victory.

Please see "Cats" on B2



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN
Freshman Joel Osborn is defended by Addae Houston and Bilal Clarence during a practice on Tuesday afternoon. Osborn, along with Clarence and Houston, have provided support for the Bearcats off the bench.



Game Recap

38	44	82
45	41	86

Leading Scorers:

Steve Bonner, 16 points (WU)
Addae Houston, 16 points (NW)

Leading Rebounders:

Andy Peterson, 7 rebounds (NW)
Bonner and Travis Robbins, 7 rebounds (WU)

Game Summary:

Northwest blew a five point lead midway through the second half as Washburn came back to snap a two-game losing streak against Northwest.

Each looks at Indoor season as stepping stone

a pair of strong showings
wa State, Northwest
s to continue to qualify
ividuals for national meet

on Kelley
EST MISSOURIAN

oor track is a piece of a puzzle. The begins with cross-country in the fall, ends with outdoor track in the spring. look at indoor track as a stepping stone for girls head track coach Scott Lorek.

"Cross country and indoor track help get ready, so that hopefully we are at peak for the outdoor season." The track teams kicked off their indoor season at Iowa State University on December 10. The 'Cats had a decent showing with Cliff McIntosh taking first place in the pole vault and Clint Prange taking second in the shot put. The women's track

team had a decent showing as well, as Mary Wirt captured second in the weight throw. The women also took fourth in the 4x300-meter relay.

"I was surprised how well we did, with the small squad that we took," senior Mary Wirt said.

Only a select number of members traveled to Iowa State, allowing the other members to stay behind and continue to improve.

"The Iowa State meet showed us where we were at," Lorek said. "Graceland will be our first opportunity to see the whole squad in action."

The 'Cats will travel to Graceland University January 15 for the Graceland Invitational. The meet poses a quick turnaround from winter break, but Lorek insists, that the team will be ready.

"I was very impressed with the work that everyone did over break," Lorek said. "Everyone has been doing the program, even with the bad weather conditions."

The indoor schedule lists six meets this year and the 'Cats should be able to be competitive in all of them. The 'Cats have two people on the national list and a 4x400-meter relay team that Lorek says could be of national caliber.

"Our biggest challenge this year is going to be staying healthy," Lorek said. "We don't have a lot of depth and injuries could really hurt us."

The goal for the rest of the indoor season is for the 'Cats to continue to improve and send some people to Boston, the site of the NCAA championships.

"We have the right attitude to be successful as a team," Wirt said. "I wouldn't mind going to Boston either."

Upcoming Meets

January 15	Graceland Invitational	Lamoni, Iowa
January 23	Kip Janwrin Pentathlon	Crete, Neb.
January 28-29	Iowa State Open	Ames, Iowa



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Senior Austin Meyer guards fellow senior Jesse Shaw during practice on Tuesday as head coach Steve Tappmeyer looks on. The Bearcats will start a three-game homestand on Saturday as they host Pittsburg State. The men currently have a 12-3 record overall. The team is 2-2 in conference play as of Wednesday night.

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'Cats fall short against Lions

The loss dropped the 'Cats to 12-3 overall and 2-2 in conference play. Southern used to the win to even out their conference record at 2-2 and bring their overall record to 6-9.

The 'Cats scored the first two points of the game, but Southern used a 17-3 run to distance themselves from the 'Cats. The Lions led 37-30 at halftime. Northwest mounted a couple of runs in the second half and came within one point of tying Southern twice, but the Lions went on a 18-9 run to end the game and take the victory.

"Southern came out with great energy," coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "They hit their first seven shots, which really helped build their confidence."

The 'Cats shot only 38 percent from the floor and 28 percent behind the three point line. Southern shot 56 percent from the floor and out-rebounded the 'Cats 36-28.

"Our shots weren't falling and that messes with your confidence,"

Tappmeyer said. "We have to realize that our shooting might be day-to-day, but we need to play good defense all the time."

With the loss to Southern, the 'Cats now find themselves at a crossroads of the season; the loss could be used as motivation or it could result in the downfall of the whole season.

"The loss should motivate us," sophomore Brandon Maxie said. "We should come out wanting to get that bad taste of losing to Southern out of our mouths."

The 'Cats lost some of their depth with the loss of starting point guard Sky Wilson, who is expected to be back in a week.

"Our plan was to have the two point guards playing together," Tappmeyer said. "Point guard is a position that takes a lot of energy to play and we don't have another true point guard on the team."

After the loss to Southern, the

'Cats have had a couple of practices, while trying to prepare for Pittsburg State, Saturday.

"As a team we're stepping in the right direction, but we're still close to where we could be," Maxie said.

Northwest's other conference game came in an overtime loss to Southern Baptist University.

"In both of our conference games the other team came out with a higher intensity level from the beginning," Tappmeyer said.

After playing at Southern Baptist's Washburn Bearcat Arena, the 'Cats had a sight for sore eyes when they returned home for three consecutive games against Pittsburg State, Truman State, and Emporia State.

"We will be very happy to be back at home," Tappmeyer said. "I don't know why it is, but we've had a hard time firing ourselves up on the road."



ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS

Northwest graduate Steve Savard (left) interviews former Northwest assistant football coach Bob Green for the Northwest Missourian back in 1984. Savard currently does play-by-play announcing for the St. Louis Rams Radio Network.

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Northwest graduate makes living as the "Voice of the Rams"

the world are some of my college teammates, even to this day."

Savard and his crew will be in Atlanta this Saturday for the NFC Divisional playoffs. This is the fourth time since Savard has become the play-by-play announcer that the Rams have made it in the playoffs. Savard is unsure of what the future holds but right now wants to con-

tinue to work for both of his television and radio jobs.

"To be honest with you, I would love to be able to do this full-time and one day do it at the network level," Savard said. "But there are only so many of those jobs out there, so in the meantime I plan on continuing doing both my television anchoring work and my play-by-play."

Steve Savard's Career Stats

156 solo tackles
274 assisted tackles
430 total tackles
18 TFL's (-90 yds) (Tackles for loss)
2 fumbles recovered
7 PBU's (Passes broken up)
10 INT's

Northwest records:
2nd All-time for career tackles (430)
2nd most tackles in 1985 with 146
4th most tackles in 1984 with 131

10 Questions with Steve Savard

The Northwest graduate is in his fifth year of doing play-by-play for the St. Louis Rams Radio Network. Savard graduated in 1986 with a double-major in English and Journalism.

Q: What was your favorite class at Northwest?

A: Anything Dr. Albertini taught.

Q: Who influenced you the most at Northwest?

A: We had a defensive coordinator named Bob Green. He was not only a great coach but a great mentor, he got the most out of us.

Q: Favorite sport to play/watch other than hockey?

A: Hockey.

Q: Team you liked to face the most while playing for Northwest?

A: I'd say Central Missouri. We had some great battles.

Q: Favorite Rams player to interview?

A: Probably (defensive end) Tyoka Jackson. He's got a great personality and he's always accessible to the media.

Q: Best person that you have interviewed while working in St. Louis?



A: I'd probably say Ernie Conwell, former tight end of the Rams. He lives his life in such a way that I think everybody should try to. He was a class act.

Q: What has been your favorite sports moment while working in St. Louis?

A: I've had a ton. I would say covering the Super Bowl parade after the Rams beat the Titans (in 2000). That was probably the best moment I've had as a St. Louisan.

Q: If you could interview anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

A: My grandpa because he passed away when I was only nine and I didn't get to know him as well as I really wanted to.

Q: If you aren't working what are you doing with your free time?

A: I'm either working out, playing or working on my golf game or hanging out with my wife, Jennifer and stepkids.

Q: How far will the Rams get this season?

A: As far as the special teams and ball security will allow them to go.

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3 game homestand up for 'Cats

Katie O'Grady missed on all eight of her attempts from the three-point line.

"It's one of those games, where the young kids I got, we did a lot things right that we haven't been doing right in the last couple (games) and we still didn't get the win," Steinmeyer said. "It's just the way basketball goes sometimes."

The team now sits at 8-7 overall and 1-3 in the MIAA. Steinmeyer hopes that his team can escape the losing skid and maintain their confidence.

"To get out of this slump, we have to maintain our confidence and then put it all together," he said. "We just

have to end the inconsistency."

The team will now host three straight home games, starting with Pittsburg State on Saturday night. It definitely marks a change for 'Cats who started four of their five conference games on the road.

"I think it's going to be good for our rear ends, not to have to ride the bus so much," Steinmeyer said. "It certainly can't hurt, that's for sure. It's been a tough going. Not only four of our first five on the road, three of those games were overtime and that was within a 10 point period and that's tough. Expect for a team that's not used to traveling like that."

USA TODAY/ESPN/WBCA DIVISION II TOP 25 COACHES' POLL

Rank	School	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Emporia State University (24)	12-0	624	2
2.	Drury University	15-1	585	3
3.	Washburn University (2)	12-1	582	1
4.	Seattle Pacific University	10-1	517	4
5.	Shaw University	10-1	499	5
6.	Bentley College	12-3	455	7
7.	California University Of PA	10-2	422	10
8.	American International College	13-1	415	11
9.	Lake Superior State University	10-3	404	15
10.	Merrimack College	7-2	398	6
11.	Anderson College	10-2	344	9
12.	Angelo State University	10-1	331	14
13.	Hillsdale College	12-1	306	12
14.	University Of North Dakota	11-4	290	8
15.	California State Poly - Pomona	8-3	194	18
16.	Fairmont State University	11-1	161	23
17.	University Of South Dakota	12-3	153	NR
18.	Bellarmino University	12-2	148	24
19.	Concordia University-Saint Paul	9-4	117	19
20.	Glenville State College	6-3	107	21
21.	Rollins College	9-4	103	13
22.	Augustana College	15-3	97	20
23.	University Of Indianapolis	10-4	96	16
24.	California State University - Chico	10-1	93	NR
25.	University of Minnesota-Duluth	12-4	92	22

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Addae Houston contributed 24 points and 4 assists Saturday. Despite Houston's effort against Missouri Southern, the Bearcats were narrowly defeated by Missouri Southern. Houston also added 4 assists and 3 steals.

Meghan Blay tallied 15 points Saturday as the lady Bearcats were narrowly defeated by Missouri Southern. Blay also added 4 assists and 3 steals.

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Sports In Brief

Hounds to start Savannah Tournament

Maryville boys basketball also been put on hold to the weather. The weather forced Lafayette to postpone their game against the Hounds.

The team is supposed to head to Savannah on Thursday to start the first round of the Savannah Tournament.

However, the early rounds of the Savannah Tournament have been delayed. Maryville, who has a first round bye, should start on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless the game is also put off.

Last time the 'Hounds played was Saturday against Lafayette. Maryville won the game 54-43. Senior Syd Brisbane scored 20 points while fellow senior Josh Wilmes added 11.

On Wednesday night, the Hounds were ranked No. 3 in the state basketball polls. Maryville currently boasts a record.

In a New York State of Mind



Mets general manager Omar Minaya, left, adjusts Carlos Beltran's jersey as his wife, Jessica, smiles during a news conference at Shea stadium to announce his \$119 million, seven-year contract, Tuesday, Jan. 11, in New York. The ex-Royal comes from a season in which he helped get the Houston Astros to the NLCS.

'Hounds drop out of statewide polls

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Northwest Missourian

Like the rest of the Maryville High School sports, the girls' basketball team feels the wrath of winter.

Inclement weather resulted in school closing Monday and Tuesday, causing the cancellation of Monday night's game against Clarinda.

Senior Kelli Dawson thinks that despite the weather, it really hasn't slowed the team down at all.

"It hasn't really stopped the momentum, we all love to play," senior Kelli Dawson said. "It's not a big factor, the weather."

The team comes off a tough loss to conference foe Lafayette. The Irish, No. 7 in the Class 4 polls, defeated Maryville 54-39 Tuesday.

Maryville did lead during the game, leading at halftime 22-20. Though the 'Hounds held an early third quarter lead, the Irish put in 34 second-half points.

Senior Kelli Dawson led the way for the 'Hounds with 14 points (12 in the first half), while Vallarie Spire, Leah Wilmes and Kim Wolfer each garnered six points.

"Lafayette's one of the better schools

in our conference," Dawson said. "It was rough, but we played well the first half, three quarters and then we just kind of lost it."

The 'Hounds currently hold a record of 8-3 and were ranked No. 9 in the Class 3 polls last week. The team dropped out of the polls this week after their loss to Lafayette.

The date for the rescheduled Clarinda game remains unannounced, but right now the team can use the extra time to work.

"We need to work on all the fundamentals; making fewer turnovers, making good jump shots, making good passes, rebounding, blocking out and not giving the other team second chances because that's a big killer," Dawson said.

Despite being ranked in the top 10, Dawson doesn't think that it will mean much heading into conference play.

"It will be tougher because the schools in our conference are so good," she said. "(The ranking) doesn't mean a whole lot until you actually go into districts."

The team will start playing basketball again as they head to the Bishop Miege Tournament in Overland Park, Kan. starting Tuesday.

Maryville wrestles with winter weather, not opponents

By TIMKO
Northwest Missourian

Maryville high school wrestling wants an opponent this winter after pushing back early seasons and having another canceled.

Spoofohounds delayed the season to the football team's extension in the playoffs. After finally getting to wrestle four times, the team was looking to head to the Tuesday night, but the re-opening of "Old Man Winters" icy roads forced the team to spend the home.

It's pretty detrimental to our season now, we've only wrestled three this season," head coach Joe Drake said. "It's creating a problem because we're not getting any time on the mat with other teams."

The team expected to be delayed

early in the season because many of the wrestlers also play football, but so far January also throws the 'Hounds an unexpected curve.

"(Football) was something we knew we could deal with, but we didn't expect all this bad weather," Drake said. "With all the bad weather everything is piling up on us and it's starting to be a problem."

The lack of wrestling opponents can also take its toll on the way that a team can keep its momentum according to Drake.

"We're practicing, but we need to get on the mat, see what we're doing and correct some errors," he said. "It's also hard to keep an edge when you don't do anything but practice with each other."

-Joe Drake

Maryville Wrestling coach

three tournaments, Drake believes that the delays are beginning to hurt the team.

"It definitely shows up in the Saturday action because we've not done

anything during the week to prepare other than wrestle with each other, so it's definitely showing up on the mat," he said.

As a team the 'Hounds are 2-2 with losses to Lafayette County and Knob Noster. Individually, Skylar Vandiver remains undefeated and ranked third in the 152-pound weight class by MissouriWrestling.com. Cody Gillenwater also started off strong winning three of his four matches while being ranked fourth in the 125-pound weight class.

The 'Hounds hope to get back on track as they're scheduled to wrestle at 6:00 tonight in Hamilton and at 10:00 a.m. Saturday in Plattsburg.

"First we'll have to see what the weather does to us," Drake said. "We're not making any promises on that at all and if we don't wrestle Hamilton then we're going into a really tough dual meet tournament on Saturday."

Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association Girls Basketball Rankings

CLASS 4

1. **St. Joseph Benton 11-0**
2. Lee's Summit West 10-1
3. Owensville 11-1
4. Republic 11-2
5. Lincoln Prep 8-1
6. **St. Joseph Lafayette 10-2**
7. Mexico 8-2
8. Marshfield 13-2
9. Fredericktown 11-2
10. Potosi 11-2

CLASS 3

1. St. Peters Lutheran 11-0
2. St. Louis Hancock 7-1
3. Clark County 9-2
4. **Smithville 7-2**
5. Trenton 13-0
6. Boonville 9-2
7. Eugene 8-1
8. Fair Grove 10-2
9. Fayette 8-1
10. Benton Kelly 9-1

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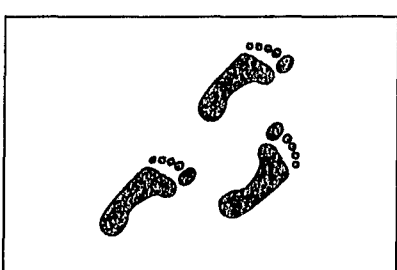
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Your Man has a dream. A dream that one day his kids won't have to worry about slipping on ice and tearing a ligament or an ACL; a future where something as unnatural and unconstitutional as ice will never plague this great state of Misery—sorry, Missouri. Besides, now that we're letting Klansmen adopt highways, we wouldn't want them to slip would we? No, of course not! We'd rather plow them down with our



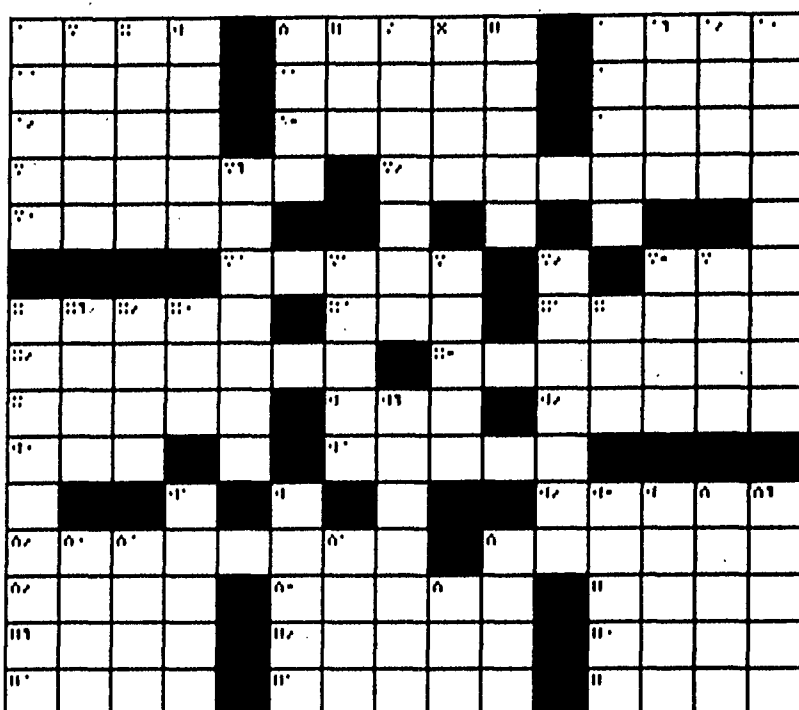
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cars, like our forefathers intended! On second thought, \$%&\$ my kids—Your Man just doesn't want to get hurt again. Every year it's the same thing. Your Man will be on his way to class, hoping and praying that he makes it, when all of a sudden he hits the one patch of ice that the groundskeepers didn't salt. First thing he does is try to regain his balance through the use of feng shui. "Maybe if I put my arm out like this and I set my hip catty-corner to my sternum and I squeeze my butt cheeks together like this I can"—this is when Your Man eats concrete—"AAAAGGG!! No! Aaaahhh!! Fu"—Your Man goes from looking like FDR doing the Macarena to being laid out on the concrete. He'll usually spend the next 20 to 30 minutes assessing his life and

trying to decide whether or not it's worth getting up. "Girlfriend? No. Job? No. Money? No. Ok death, I'm read." Then some half-retarded freshmen will usually walk up to my sprawled body and ask "Need some help?" "No thank you. I'm just gonna lie here for awhile. You know, hope all the ice will help save my exposed brain." "I think you landed in some yellow snow." Sigh. No, I didn't land in yellow snow. "Yeah you did. Look, all the snow you're sitting in is yellow. As I said before, I did not LAND in yellow snow." "You should be careful. It's slick out." "Thanks, I hadn't noticed. I should really get some new shoes—that grip ice better. Like those high heels you're wearing. Let me ask you a question: Is that a thermal thong under your skirt, or did your underwear just shrink up your crack from the 5%\$*ing 20 below zero temperatures! Huh! Now get away from me before I scissor kick you. And for the love of humanity, get a bra! I don't know if you're cold or if you're trying to direct me to an underground well!"

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Across

1. Dog cry
5. Titles
10. Musical percussion instrument
14. Supreme Norse god
15. Century plant
16. Republic of Ireland
17. Brood
18. Selected
19. Coal waste
20. Current of air
22. Narrative poem by Keats
23. Inward

Down

24. Public transport
28. Mineral spring
30. Grass cutting implement
34. Vigor
35. German submarine
37. Lift up
38. Attack
39. Debris
40. Call of the crow
42. Funeral fires
43. Distinguished Service Medal
44. From that time
47. Long-bodied short-legged dog

Across

52. Drop of rain
56. Not these
57. Decades
58. Shun
60. Absent without leave
61. Roused
62. Animation
63. Act of despoliation
64. Variety of chaldony
65. Go into
66. Former spouses

Down

1. Explosive weapons
2. Worship
3. Become ripe
4. Leg joints

5. Hub
6. Gone by
7. Afternoon performance
8. Belonging to first lady
9. Enclosed automobile
10. Degenderize
11. Small rivulet
12. River feeding the Caspian Sea
13. Millions of wats
21. Offspring of a zebra and an ass
25. Eyeglasses
26. Mass of eggs
27. Mistrust
28. Tart
29. Not bright
30. Unpremeditated homicide
31. Literary work
32. Fancy
33. Even (poet.)
36. Body of water
41. Airdrome
45. Sterilize
46. Courageous
48. Chicago airport
49. Apply wax again
50. Search blindly
51. Small islands
53. Great age
54. Resembling ink
55. Baking chamber
56. River in central Europe
59. I have

on the edge

Snow facts:

- The biggest snowflake ever reported measured 15 inches across.
- A drop of water may travel thousands of miles between the time it evaporates into the atmosphere and the time it falls to the Earth again as rain, sleet or snow.
- An inch of snow falling evenly on one acre of ground is equivalent to about 2,715 gallons of water.
- Continental snow cover would advance to the equator, and the oceans would eventually freeze if there was a permanent drop in just 1.6 to 2.0 percent in energy reaching the Earth.
- The three most common snowflake patterns are: Columnar (they grow in columns), Planar (they look like a flat plate), and Dendrite (they have many branches going in different directions).

See answers below. Useless knowledge.

Concert Calendar

Kansas City

- Bill Engvall 1/15
If Hope Dies 1/18
Cheap Trick 1/28

Omaha

- Bright Eyes 1/14
Stroke 9 1/13
Toby Keith 1/21

Des Moines

- Jerry Seinfeld 1/14
Ron White 1/21
Jesse Lang 1/22

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